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THE WORLD'S WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

This Society, which has its auxiliaries in almost every civilized country of the world, was founded through the agency of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States in 1883. The National Union was organized in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1874, and is the sober second thought of the great Woman's Temperance Crusade which swept over the country during the previous winter, and whose influence extended to lands beyond the sea. Scarcely was the organization of the National Society completed when the question arose, why not have an International Woman's Christian Temperance Union? At the Detroit Convention, held in 1883, the President urged, and the Plan of Work Committee recommended the appointment by the Executive Committee of a commission on a Plan of Organization of a World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and in the same year Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt received her appointment as pioneer missionary for the proposed organization. Through her untiring labors during the intervening years, supplemented by those of other missionaries who followed her later, and of individual workers in various nations, unions have been organized in more than forty countries and provinces. Mrs. Margaret Bright Lucas, of England, the first President, was elected in 1886.

The chief National Auxiliaries are those of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands.

The first delegated Convention of the World's

Union, held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A., in 1891, adopted the following Declaration of Principles and form of Constitution and By-laws :

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD'S W. C. T. U.

We believe in the coming of His Kingdom whose service is the highest liberty because His laws, written in our members as well as in nature and in grace, "are perfect, converting the soul."

We believe in the gospel of the Golden Rule and that each man's habits of life should be an example safe and beneficent for every other man.

We therefore formulate, and for ourselves adopt, the following pledge, asking our brothers of a common danger and a common hope to make common cause with us, in working its reasonable and helpful precepts into the practice of every-day life.

PLEDGE.

"I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all Alcoholic Liquors as beverages, whether distilled, fermented or malted ; from opium in all its forms, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same."

To confirm and enforce the *rationale* of the pledge, we declare our purpose to educate the young; to form a better public sentiment; to reform, so far as possible, by religious, ethical and scientific means the drinking classes; to seek the

transforming power of Divine grace for ourselves and all for whom we work, that they and we may willfully transcend no law of pure and wholesome living; and finally we pledge ourselves to labor and pray that all these principles, founded upon the Gospel of Christ, may be worked out into the Customs of Society and the Laws of the Land.

To this end we plead with all good women throughout Christendom to join with us heart and hand in the holy endeavor to protect and sanctify the Home as that temple of the Holy Spirit which, next to the human body itself, is dearest of all to our Creator; that womanhood and manhood in equal purity, equal personal liberty and peace, may climb to those blest heights where there shall be no more curse.

We ask all women like-minded with us in this sacred cause, to wear the white ribbon as the badge of loyalty; to lift up their hearts with us to God at the noontide hour of prayer; to take as their motto, "For God and Home and Every Land," and to unite with us in allegiance to the foregoing Declaration of Principles and to the summary of our plans and purposes, as embodied in the Preamble of our Constitution adopted in Faneuil Hall, Boston, U. S. A., Nov. 11, 1891.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WORLD'S W. C. T. U.

PREAMBLE.

In the love of God and of Humanity, we, representing the Christian women of the world, band ourselves together with the solemn conviction that our united faith and works will, with God's blessing, prove healthful in creating

a strong public sentiment in favor of personal purity of life, including total abstinence from the use of all narcotic poisons; the protection of the home by outlawing the traffic in alcoholic liquors, opium, tobacco and impurity; the suppression by law of gambling and Sunday desecration; the enfranchisement of the women of all nations, and the establishment of courts of national and international arbitration which shall banish war from the world.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President-at-large, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; the President of each affiliated National Society shall be a Vice-President *ex officio*.

ARTICLE III.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all the officers of the Union, and shall control and provide for all the interests of the work. But as these officers will be widely separated, they may delegate their power to such members of the Committee as shall be selected by themselves. For all business, except amendments to the Constitution, seven shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

AFFILIATED TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

Any organization of women engaged in temperance work in any nation may be affiliated with this organization, after having received the indorsement of the Executive Committee of Affiliated Societies already existing in that country, and of the Executive Committee of the World's W. C. T. U.; also by indorsing this Constitution and by the payment of annual dues.

* ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Each Affiliated Society shall pay annually to the World's Treasury an amount not less than one cent per member of each local Union, except in countries where money values are so different from those of the English-speaking nations that it will be more just to leave their assessment to be determined by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. Any person contributing five dollars annually to the general fund of the World's W. C. T. U. may be a Contributing Patron. In like manner a donation of twenty-five dollars annually may constitute a Sustaining Patron, and the payment of one hundred dollars a Life Patron.

SEC. 3. Any woman, not a member of a local Union, by signing the pledge of the World's union and paying fifty cents annually to the treasury of the World's W. C. T. U., may become a member of the Somerset Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

* Please note changes in Art. V.

ARTICLE VI.

BIENNIAL MEETINGS.

The Biennial Meeting at which officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and place as the President and Secretary may determine: the official call being sent out not less than one year before the Convention is to be held.

ARTICLE VII.

MEMBERSHIP OF BIENNIAL MEETINGS.

The Biennial Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, National Secretaries and Treasurers; the World's Superintendents of Departments; the Editors and Publisher of the Official Organ, and one delegate for every one thousand members of affiliated National Unions.

ARTICLE VIII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President, Vice-President-at-large, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected biennially by the Executive Committee, and the Assistant Secretary shall be nominated by the Secretary and approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

The general classification of the work shall be embraced under the following heads:

1. Evangelistic.
2. Organization.
3. Prevention.
4. Educational.
5. Social.
6. Legal.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended

by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, provided notice has been given to each member of this Committee by correspondence one year beforehand.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall perform all duties usual to such office. She shall also preside at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and may, through the Secretary, call special meetings of that committee when deemed advisable on consent of any three members.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President-at-large to perform the duties of the President in case of her absence, or inability to serve, and the duty of the Vice-Presidents to serve in the same capacity in their order, which shall be, according to the date of organization of their respective National Societies.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence for, and keep a record of, the proceedings of the Union, and shall be a medium of intercourse with the National Organizations in the interests of the work. She shall keep a general oversight of the field and shall suggest to the Executive Committee such plans as may seem to her desirable from time to time.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and disburse the same on order of the President and Secretary, and shall keep an authorized account of receipts and expenditures and give a report of the same annually to the Executive Committee, and to the biennial meeting.

ARTICLE II.

* DEPARTMENTS.

There shall be the following departments: Evangelistic; Bible Readings; Organization; Juvenile Work; Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools; Press; Literature; Fairs and Expositions; Penal, Charitable and Reformatory; Purity; Peace and Arbitration; Petitions, Legislation and Treaties; Franchise; Systematic giving; Anti-Opium.

These shall be in charge of superintendents specially fitted for the work of their respective departments, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the World's Union.

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† ARTICLE III.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

Superintendents shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, in their absence, at a meeting set apart for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

It shall be the duty of superintendents to originate, to devise and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments, to correspond with and aid National superintendents in the carrying out of the same, and to report work accomplished, and plans proposed, to the biennial meeting.

* None of these shall be obligatory upon any Union.

† Please note changes in Art. II. and III.

ARTICLE V.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

NOTE.—Please take notice that the Constitution of the World's W. C. T. U. should not be used as a precedent for National or Colonial unions, the vast distance of the countries from each other making necessary extraordinary methods for the government of that body.

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

OFFERED BY MISS ANNA GORDON.

I give notice that I, or some one in my place, will at the next Biennial meeting of the World's W. C. T. U., move to amend Art. VII. of the Constitution by adding Round-the-World Missionaries, so long as they retain their commission.

BADGE:

The White Ribbon.

MOTTO:

"For God and Home and Every Land."

WORLD'S PRAYER HOUR:

Twelve o'clock M.

HEADQUARTERS.

In the town or city where the President may reside.

THE POLYGLOT PETITION.

A great petition has been circulated in all parts of the world against legalizing the sale of opium and alcoholics and in favor of an

equal standard of personal purity for both sexes. This petition has been called "The Polyglot," because translated into and signed in so many different languages. Over four millions of names, either by signature or indorsement, have been secured to it, and it is to be presented to all the governments of the world by a commission of women appointed for that purpose. During the Columbian Exposition this petition was on exhibition in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union section of the Department of Organizations in the Woman's Building. Under the direction of Miss Anna Gordon, World's W. C. T. U. Superintendent of Juvenile Work, hundreds of thousands of autograph Total Abstinence Pledge Cards signed by children throughout the world were collected and shown. The Children's Fountain, which will have a permanent location in front of Willard Hall, the Woman's Temperance Temple, was, during the Fair, on exhibition in the Woman's Building. This fountain is a memorial to Miss Frances E. Willard, and was purchased by contributions from the children of the Loyal Temperance Legions and the pledged children in Sunday-schools.

The headquarters of the society are in the Temple, corner of La Salle and Monroe streets, Chicago, Illinois. Here also is Willard Hall (entrance from Monroe street), where Gospel Temperance Meetings, open to every one, are held daily from twelve to one o'clock.

In the same building is located the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association, a stock company, whose directors, stockholders and business manager are all women. This house sends out about 135,000,000 pages annually.

The Union Signal, the official organ of the Union, has a large circulation in all parts of the world.

The Woman's Temperance Hospital, located at 1619 Diversey avenue, Chicago, demonstrates the value of non-alcoholic medication.

The next convention (1895) will be held in London, England, in June.

PETITION

Of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the Protection of the Home.

addressed to the governments of the world.

Honored Rulers, Representatives and Brothers:

We, your Petitioners, although belonging to the physically weaker sex, are strong of heart to love our homes, our native land, and the world's family of nations.

We know that clear brains and pure hearts make honest lives and happy homes, and that by these the nations prosper, and the time is brought nearer when the world shall be at peace.

We know that indulgence in Alcohol and Opium, and in other vices which disgrace our social life, makes misery for all the world, and most of all for us and our children.

We know that stimulants and opiates are sold under legal guarantees which make the governments partners in the traffic, by accepting as revenue a portion of the profits, and we know with

shame that they are often forced by treaty upon populations either ignorant or unwilling.

We know that the law might do much now left undone to raise the moral tone of society and render vice difficult.

We have no power to prevent these great iniquities beneath which the whole world groans, but you have power to redeem the honor of the nations from an indefensible complicity.

We therefore come to you with the united voices of representative women of every land beseeching you to raise the standard of the law to that of Christian morals, to strip away the safeguards and sanctions of the state from the drink traffic and the opium trade, and to protect our homes by the total prohibition of these curses of civilization throughout all the territory over which your government extends.

NAMES. RESIDENCES.

Please send to the Secretary, 1114 The Temple, La Salle and Monroe streets, Chicago, for the regular form of the above petition. Sign, circulate and return the names to the same address.

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